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Board of Podiatric Medicine,  
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Re: Linear decline of complaints filed with the Board of Podiatric Medicine

Dear Mr. Rathlesberger,

This is in response to your recent communications with us on the subject of linear decline of complaints filed with the BPM against licensed podiatrists in CA. After communicating with our Los Angeles Executive Board members, it is my pleasure to advise you that it is the unanimous agreement of our Board members that this decline is related to the excellent effort by the BPM to its licensees in the education, engagement, remediation and, when necessary, enforcement of the parameters regarding the quality and standard of care, guidelines of appropriate, safe and effective practice. We in Los Angeles feel that this effort by the BPM has been greatly appreciated in safeguarding the safety and interest of the consumers of California regarding Podiatric Care.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Derick Ball, DPM

President, Los Angeles County Podiatric Medical Society